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For : ULTRASONIC DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING WITH
HARMONIC CONTRAST AGENTS

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RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION &
SUBMISSION OF SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION

Dear Sir:

In the final rejection mailed October 14, 2009, Claims 1-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §251 by reason of a defective reissue declaration. Specifically, the declaration was rejected because the "error" was not specified. The rejection stated that "Any error in the claims and specification must be identified by reference to the specific claim(s) and the specific language wherein lies the error." Enclosed is a Supplemental Declaration in which paragraph 4 refers to the specific language in the original claims (two pulses) and in the newly added claims (three or more pulses) which specifies the error in the original claims (only two pulses) which is cured by the new claims (three or more pulses). Since the specific differences between the newly amended Claims 5-15 and the original Claims 1-4 are pointed out in the enclosed Supplemental Declaration, it is respectfully submitted that the enclosed Supplemental Declaration by both inventors is not defective and overcomes the §251 rejection of Claims 1-25.

The Examiner has noted that a Certificate of Correction was issued in the original patent. The sole purpose of the

Certificate of Correction was to add a reference to the priority provisional application to the patent. This has been done in the same manner in the January 6, 2006 amendment in this application, which added the reference to the priority provisional application to the first page of the specification immediately following the title. Accordingly it is respectfully submitted that the change made by the Certificate of Correction has been made in this reissue application.

In continuing compliance with 37 CFR 1.178(b), it is noted that the original patent no. 5,706,819 is not and has not been involved in any prior or concurrent proceeding, including interferences, reissues, reexaminations, and litigation.

All of the information which is material to the patentability of the present application has, to the best of the knowledge of those with a duty to do so, been brought to the attention of the Examiner in this application.

In view of the fact that applicants have complied with all of the requirements of the final rejection, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-25, which include original Claims 1-4 and new Claims 5-25, are now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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